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PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, JANUARY, 1948.

This bulletin has been prepared from detailed tabulations, made available by the Commonwealth Statistician, of unemployed persons in Queensland who were in receipt of Commonwealth unemployment benefit at the end of January, 1948. The information covers only those persons actually in receipt of unemployment benefit, no account being taken of those whose applications for benefit were awaiting consideration or those who did not apply for benefit. The figures given, therefore, are only a part of total unemployment, although the proportions due to the various causes and in the various industries are broadly applicable to the total. Persons receiving sickness or special benefits are also excluded. Details for districts by causes and industries in which last employed are given in the attached tables.

Comparison with Previous Months.

January 1948 figures of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit were 3,094 males and 73 females, the total of 3,167 being 4,323 below the corresponding figure for the previous January.

<u>End of Month.</u>		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
				<u>1946.</u>			
October	..	2,814	86	2,900	1,827	80	1,907
November	..	3,570	94	3,664	1,664	70	1,734
December	..	5,971	168	6,139	2,245	69	2,314
				<u>1947.</u>			
January	..	7,262	228	7,490	3,094	73	3,167
February	..	7,394	188	7,592			
March	..	6,505	184	6,689			
April	..	4,698	149	4,847			
May	..	3,935	151	4,086			
June	..	3,102	129	3,231			
July	..	2,747	113	2,860			
August	..	2,089	97	2,186			
September	..	1,912	87	1,999			
				<u>1948.</u>			

Causes of unemployment are given on the next page for the months of January, 1947, February, 1947 (the peak month), December, 1947, and January, 1948, together with the net decrease during the twelve months ended January, 1948, for each cause.

The increase during January in the number drawing unemployment benefit was due to "Seasonal Work", "Casual Work", and "Establishment Closed or Reduction of Staff", the last two causes also being connected with the seasonal nature of some Queensland industries. These causes accounted for an increase of 888 persons in receipt of benefit, while all other causes together showed a decrease of 35.

Compared with figures of a year earlier (January, 1947), all causes showed very substantial decreases. Even the number unemployed because of seasonal work or weather conditions, which had been increasing since September, 1947, was less than one-half as large in January, 1948, as a year earlier - 1,548 compared with 3,456.

<u>Cause of Unemployment.</u>		<u>January, 1947.</u>	<u>February, 1947.</u>	<u>December, 1947.</u>	<u>January, 1948.</u>	<u>Decrease Jan. 1947 to Jan. 1948.</u>
Medical unfitness for type of work, work too heavy	..	105	100	32	23	82
Inefficiency, incompetence	..	131	144	60	41	90
Establishment closed, reduction of staff	..	801	854	320	385	416
Replaced by re-instated servicemen	..	128	131	37	38	90
Shortage of materials	..	260	252	65	78	182
Seasonal work and weather conditions	..	3,456	3,327	779	1,548	1,908
Casual work	..	909	958	342	396	513
Discharged or laid-off for other reasons	..	484	514	162	153	331
Quitted because work too heavy, medically unfit, etc.	..	413	440	283	283	130
Quitted for other reasons	..	302	324	125	128	174
Not previously employed	..	501	548	109	94	407
		<b>7,490</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>4,323</b>

The following statement shows the number of persons drawing benefit in each district in January and December, 1947, January, 1948, and in the month of 1946-47 showing the highest level of unemployment. The decrease from January, 1947 to January, 1948, is also shown. In January, 1948, a number of districts which are affected by seasonal unemployment showed increases in numbers on benefit. The largest increase during the month occurred in the North Coastal Districts where the rate per 10,000 population increased from 48 in December, 1947, to 100 in January, 1948. Nevertheless, all districts except Townsville and Gympie showed figures in January, 1948, substantially less than the corresponding figures a year earlier.

<u>District.</u>	<u>January, 1947.</u>	<u>Peak Month of Unemployment during 1946-47.</u>	<u>December, 1947.</u>	<u>January, 1948.</u>	<u>Decrease January, 1947, to January, 1948.</u>
Brisbane	..	1,989	2,065 (Feb. 1947)	839	684
Ipswich	..	175	190 (Dec. 1946)	22	26
Gympie	..	20	30 (Feb. 1947)	11	25
Maryborough	..	221	221 (Jan. 1947)	38	49
Bundaberg	..	596	596 (Jan. 1947)	13	57
Toowoomba	..	172	177 (Feb. 1947)	66	49
Warwick	..	38	42 (Dec. 1946)	32	21
Roma	..	10	24 (Dec. 1946)	8	2
Charleville	..	55	75 (Dec. 1946)	34	24
Rockhampton	..	1,462	1,462 (Jan. 1947)	262	482
Emerald	..	10	10 (Jan. 1947)	4	6
Longreach	..	90	117 (Dec. 1946)	78	39
Mackay	..	756	861 (Mar. 1947)	308	515
Ayr	..	231	233 (Feb. 1947)	60	210
Townsville	..	422	616 (Mar. 1947)	345	459
Ingham	..	209	440 (Mar. 1947)	2	42
Innisfail	..	230	368 (Mar. 1947)	2	125
Cairns	..	536	599 (Mar. 1947)	13	168
Charters Towers	160		182 (Feb. 1947)	156	150
Atherton	..	65	78 (Mar. 1947)	16	28
Hughenden	..	43	52 (Feb. 1947)	5	6
Total State	..	7,490	7,592 (Feb. 1947)	2,314	3,167
					4,323

(a) Increase.

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TABLE 1. - PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, QUEENSLAND.

JANUARY, 1948.

## DISTRICTS AND CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

DISTRICT.	Discharged or Laid Off.										Quitted.		Total.	
	Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	Inefficiency, incompetence.	Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment.	Replaced by re-instated servicemen, relieving worker only.	Shortage of materials.	Seasonal work and weather conditions.	Casual work.	Discharged or laid-off for other reasons.	Medical unfitness, work too heavy, medical advice.	Quitted for other reasons.	Not previously employed.	Number.	Per 10,000 Population.	
Brisbane ..	10	26	138	19	35	52	128	65	132	42	37	684		
Ipswich ..	1	1	2	.	3	.	12	1	3	3	.	26		
Moreton ..	11	27	140	19	38	52	140	66	135	45	37	710	13	
Lympie ..	.	2	13	2	1	2	3	.	1	1	.	25		
Maryborough ..	.	1	7	3	5	7	10	10	4	1	1	49		
Bundaberg ..	.	.	1	2	.	39	7	1	6	.	1	57		
S.E. Coastal ..	.	3	21	7	6	48	20	11	11	2	2	131	12	
Booowoomba ..	.	.	11	.	3	3	9	11	7	2	5	49		
Marwick ..	.	1	6	.	.	2	3	4	1	3	1	21		
Toma ..	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	2		
Charleville ..	.	.	.	.	.	8	11	4	1	.	.	24		
Downs & S.W. ..	.	1	17	.	3	14	23	19	9	6	4	96	7	
Cockhampton ..	2	2	60	3	1	322	22	18	24	19	9	482		
Emerald ..	.	.	2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	6		
Kingreach ..	.	.	2	.	.	24	5	1	5	1	1	39		
Central ..	2	2	64	3	1	349	27	19	29	20	11	527	53	
Rockay ..	2	2	8	2	9	356	85	10	22	12	7	515		
Yer ..	1	.	36	1	2	142	4	5	9	7	3	210		
Ownsville ..	3	5	48	2	12	289	21	15	33	21	10	459		
Ningham ..	.	.	.	.	1	24	9	1	4	1	2	42		
Wenlock ..	.	.	3	2	3	98	12	.	6	1	.	125		
Airns ..	3	.	35	1	.	112	5	2	5	3	2	168		
N. Coastal ..	9	7	130	8	27	1,021	136	33	79	45	24	1,519	100	
Warters ..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
Flowers ..	1	1	11	1	2	54	37	4	19	6	14	150		
Cherton ..	.	.	1	.	.	8	13	1	.	3	2	28		
Ghenden ..	.	.	1	.	1	2	.	.	1	1	.	6		
North West ..	1	1	13	1	3	64	50	5	20	10	16	184	40	
TOTAL STATE	23	41	385	38	78	1,548	396	153	283	128	94	3,167	29	

TABLE 2. - PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, QUEENSLAND.

JANUARY, 1948.

## DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES.

DISTRICT.	Industry in Which Last Engaged.														
	Agricultural, Pastoral, and Dairying.	Other Primary (including Mining).	Engineering.	Food and Drink.	Other Factories.	Building and Construction.	Shipping and Wharf Work.	Transport.	Wholesale.	Retail.	Previously Unemployed by Australian or Allied Services.	Personal and Domestic Service.	Discharged Servicemen.	Other Industries.	TOTAL.
Brisbane ..	33	11	56	82	50	62	34	31	53	41	70	55	12	94	684
Ipswich ..	..	..	3	..	1	8	..	..	..	2	9	2	..	1	26
Moreton ..	33	11	59	82	51	70	34	31	53	43	79	57	12	95	710
Gympie ..	1	1	..	3	3	11	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	25
Maryborough ..	3	1	..	7	2	23	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	3	49
Bundaberg ..	9	..	1	35	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	57
S.E. Coastal ..	13	2	1	45	5	42	4	5	1	2	..	4	..	7	131
Toowoomba ..	4	1	3	4	2	6	..	4	6	5	3	4	1	6	49
Warwick ..	3	..	2	3	..	8	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	21
Roma ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Charleville ..	20	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	24
Downs & S.W. ..	28	1	5	7	2	17	..	5	8	5	3	5	1	9	96
Rookhampton ..	25	9	6	330	9	51	9	8	4	11	..	9	2	9	482
Emerald ..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Longreach ..	27	4	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	39
Central ..	54	13	6	333	10	55	9	8	4	12	..	12	2	9	527
Mackay ..	217	6	10	171	14	47	9	6	7	5	3	10	3	7	515
Ayr ..	91	6	1	69	9	24	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	4	210
Townsville ..	25	8	10	266	9	86	3	7	16	5	8	8	2	6	459
Ingham ..	18	..	..	7	1	13	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	42
Innisfail ..	60	5	..	37	..	14	..	..	3	..	1	3	..	2	125
Cairns ..	67	2	1	49	12	13	4	6	1	5	2	3	..	3	168
N.Coastal ..	478	27	22	599	45	197	16	21	27	19	14	27	5	22	1,519
Charters Towers ..	29	14	1	43	3	28	..	2	3	4	14	2	3	4	150
Atherton ..	5	3	2	2	2	11	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	28
Hughenden ..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
North West ..	37	17	3	45	6	40	..	2	4	5	15	2	3	5	184
TOTAL STATE	643	71	96	1,111	119	421	63	72	97	86	111	107	23	147	3,167

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